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by: Debbie Williams

Balance Sheet--As of December 29, 2003

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

FTB—Money Market	52,449.23
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First Texas Bank (FTB)

Youth Activities Fund	1,610.15
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Memorial Library Fund	1,207.58
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ANA Junior Seminar Fund	1,000.00
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Coin's for A's	2, 550.07
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First Texas Bank (FTB)-other	<u>15,314.50</u>
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Total First Texas Bank (FTB)	<u>21,682.30</u>
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Total Checking/Savings	74,181.53
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Accounts Receivable

Lost Mail Deposit	<u>51.00</u>
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Total Accounts Receivable	51.00
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Other Current Assets

CD—Lone Star Capital Bank	50,000.00
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CD—Life Memberships-CLNB	<u>30,000.00</u>
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Total Other Current Assets	<u>80,000.00</u>
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Total Current Assets	<u>154,232.53</u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Fund Balance	159,268.89
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Net Income	<u>-5,036.36</u>
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Total Equity	<u>154,232.53</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>154,232.53</u>
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A Few Words from the Editor

By Benny Bolin, NLG

The Numismatic Library

An Oft-Underutilized Resource

This issue of the TNA News has a full page column in it by Helen Snider, our TNA Book Auction chairman soliciting donations and assistance for the upcoming book auction. I got to thinking about this and my own library and wondered how many of us have large libraries that we never utilize or don't even have an acceptable library for our use. I have been collecting for over forty years and have heard many times over **"buy the book before the coin (note in my collecting area)."** Those are truly words to adhere to for two reasons. First, books are full of information to help make our decisions of what to buy easier and with less dangers of buying irresponsibly. Secondly, our libraries can contain book upon book about our collecting specialty and chock full of history. As the years have advanced and my collections have grown to the point that it is very hard (i.e. *expensive*) to attain new items, I have begun to buy more books. Not just books about my areas of interest, but biographies about the men involved directly and indirectly. These books have provided hour upon hour of reading pleasure and enjoyment while enriching my knowledge of not just the history of my collectibles, but of the politics, people and overall atmosphere of the times. I challenge you to read all the reference books you can on your topics of interest and then to branch out and read about the people and the times when they were not collectibles, but actual bills of fare. Also, if you have extra books or if your collecting interests have changed and you have books you no longer need, consider donating them to the TNA book auction. Let others enjoy your books, don't secret them away with the illusion of getting back to them one day!

Also, I encourage you to make plans to attend the TNA show in May in Ft. Worth. This is truly a great show and it will be well worth your time and effort to attend. There will be many fun and exciting things happening, such as a youth auction, the aforementioned book auction, educational seminars, educational exhibits and a bourse full of dealers anxiously waiting to fill your want lists. If you would be interested in preparing an educational exhibit for the show, contact Ralph Ross who is the exhibit chair for the show. Likewise if you would like to present an educational seminar, contact Mike Grant. Another thing at this show will be the awarding of the TNA's annual awards. Many awards will be given to deserving individuals who have gone above and beyond to promote numismatics and Texas numismatics in particular. Contact your regional governor for more info on these awards.

If you would like to submit something to the News, I welcome your input by:

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

By: HAL CHERRY

Welcome to new members R-6524, and R-6536 thru R-6539. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on January 1, 2004.

The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become members on March 1, 2004.

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Gary Hill sponsored the most new TNA memberships in 2003, with a total of 15. Other TNA members sponsoring multiple applicants included Paul Garner, Barbara Williams, Frank Galindo, Bob Millard, Mike Grant, Ginger Pike, Debbie Williams, T.J. Bennington, and Hal Cherry. Numerous members sponsored one person for TNA membership. Our thanks to all of these individuals!

PLEASE NOTE: TNA News Letter mailing labels are generated from the Secretary's membership data base so if you have an address change, please send this information directly to the Secretary's office! Notifying the editor only delays the process as he must resend the information on to the Secretary for updating the records and data base.

MEMBERSHIP AGE RESTRICTIONS REMOVED: At the December 13, 2003 Board Meeting, the By-Laws were changed to remove any minimum age restrictions from both the Junior Member and Life Member categories. The previous minimum age had been nine years. TNA brochures and membership applications are being updated to reflect this change.

I want to wish all of you good health and happiness in the coming New Year and may all of your collecting needs be fulfilled. Make your plans now to attend the 46th Annual TNA Coin Show in Fort Worth on May 14, 15, and 16. I look forward to seeing all of you there! Hal Cherry, Secretary

MY NEW BEGINNING

(revised December 2003)

Michael Greenspan, NLG

(NOTE: I originally wrote this article many years ago and came across my draft while researching my files for another subject altogether. I decided it was still pertinent and revised it for this submission. I do not recall whether it was previously published but, if it was, it was a long time ago.)

Haven't figured out the nuances of the current grading system? Worry whether your previously certified 65s won't make 63s or even 60s today? Or are you just plain bored with it all? Do your Morgan Dollars all look alike? Are the split bands on your Mercury dimes and full bell lines on your Franklin Halves starting to get a bit fuzzy? Listen up!

There is a niche in numismatics - a very large niche - where all the players still use adjectival grades (for the most part) when they use any at all, where the history of the piece outweighs the toning, the number of steps, or whether there is a full head or full hand present. Where? In the Land of Exonumia, that's where! When I saw what short-term investors, high-fee grading/slabbing services, and the high-pressure telephone salesmen were doing to my hobby, I decided to step back from the hyped world of coin collecting. Exonumia is a term coined decades ago to describe objects which resemble money, but are not designed to circulate as such. It includes such things as tokens, medals, paper advertising notes, wooden nickels, amulets, love tokens, etc.

I started, like many of you, accumulating coins from circulation and quickly filled the little Whitman folders with a vast array of Walking Liberty Halves, Winged Head Dimes, Jefferson and Indian Head Nickels, and the ubiquitous Lincoln Cents. I even had a folder for Silver Dollars, but it didn't fill very quickly because I only got one when my grandfather would visit, making the long trip from the Bronx to Bayonne, NJ, where I grew up. At any rate, the holes for the key dates remained empty and my collecting interest became dormant. When, many years later, that interest was renewed, I bought the key dates and upgraded those coins in less than EF condition. As the calendar pages turned into the 70s, I found that the coins I needed became less and less affordable and, in short order, my collecting once again became dormant.

My interest in numismatics resurged in the late 70s when a collector-dealer introduced me to the world of Exonumia. He showed and offered to sell me a Low (Lyman Low, the well-known collector and cataloguer) 54, the popular anti-slavery Hard Times Token (HTT) of the 1830s. Holding that piece was like holding a little piece of history and, if I told you that token sparked my interest, it would be a gross understatement. During the next few



months, I scoured local dealers, flea markets, coin shows, read as much as I could find on the subject, and bought (and traded my coins for) HTTs. At that time, most HTTs were readily available for only a few dollars, but over time, some of the rare ones now bring upwards of four figures.

After joining the Token and Medal Society (TAMS), I discovered Civil War Tokens. Although I had seen CWTs before, I had written them off as junk. Now, my interest was piqued, mainly by the education and fun I had studying HTTs. Was there more to learn? Silly question! Although there are only several hundred different HTTs, there are literally thousands and thousands of CWT varieties. After some basic study, I began to concentrate on a specific group of CWTs, those storecards issued by druggists, pharmacies, dentists, opticians, etc. In short, anything medically-related. In addition, I included soda tokens since soda was sold mainly by druggists in the late 1800s and early twentieth century.



There are several important differences in collecting tokens rather than coins. One difference is the dealer. There are no giant token galleries, and the number of full-time token and medal dealers can probably be counted on your fingers. Most exnumia dealers have other full-time jobs, buying and selling exnumia only on the weekends and through the mail. And none of the part-timers get rich. They might even be more interested in relating the history of the token, how they became in possession of it, and its relative rarity, than in actually selling it to you.



Another difference - condition is important, but not nearly so as in coin collecting. Rarity is the primary factor. I'll buy a skuzzy, corroded druggist token from Vermont because I know I may never, and I mean, never get another opportunity. Unlike coins, tokens are frequently considered truly rare; less than a handful known. Generally, however, these rarities are within the range of my bank account. In fact, I own several tokens where I have the only known one, although the cost for each was relatively modest.

My interest in soda and druggist tokens soon became rampant and I began to delve into other series of exnumia such as encased postage, encased coins, medals and other that were issued with druggist or soda devices. In addition, I joined a number of token collectors' organizations, mainly to get the names of other active collectors. Many states have a token collectors' society apart from the state numismatic organization. NJ, PA, TX (informal group), MD, FL, MI, IN-KY-OH (combined), CA, and others, each have an active token collectors' group.

Needless to say, I am an active token collector. Do I still collect coins? You bet! I can't part with many of the coins I acquired along the way and add to my coin collection whenever I see



exonumia and, if you see me at a show or club meeting, I'll fill your ear with my latest find. And, speaking of finds;

Who could resist the short letter which came with a set of tokens I purchased a number of years ago from the Carson Pharmacy, at one time in business in Carson, ND. Excerpting from the letter; "I graduated from college in 1933, worked in Crosby in the dirty 30s and came to Carson on April 1, 1936. When I got here to work at the Carson Pharmacy, these tokens were in a cigar box. We sometimes gave them out in trade for pop bottles. The Carson Pharmacy was established by a Dr A.C. Newman in 1909. He was involved with a lady friend and one day she was out riding in a buggy and Dr Newman became jealous and took a pot shot at the three in the buggy and hit a lady. Thinking he had killed her, he went back to his living quarters in the store and, when the sheriff and other came to arrest him (he thot [sic] for murder), he took cyanide and washed it down with whisky. This was in 1913. Dr Leavitt then came and took over the medical practice and also the Carson Pharmacy in 1913 or 1914. He was a businessman and started the token use. I asked one gal today and she remembered getting them in 1918 or 1919. I sold the store last year (1979, ed)"

Try to get that kind of history from someone from whom you just bought a Lincoln Cent!! Anyway, tokens were a new beginning for me and I'd bet a buck (make that a So-Called Dollar) that, given the opportunity, you, too, could become hooked on this fascinating segment of our hobby. Happy collecting!!!

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UNITED STATES COINS—A “PRIMER”

WASHINGTON QUARTERS

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The dark shadow of Depression fell across the U.S. in 1931, giving Americans little to celebrate. Soup kitchens, massive unemployment and the Dust Bowl all took their toll on the public's spirit. But the following year was



the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth, and officials in our nation's capital were ready to mark the occasion. The Treasury Department had proposed that a half dollar be struck to honor the birth of the nation's founding father. Enlisting the cooperation of the Commission of Fine Arts and the Washington Bicentennial Commission, they went ahead with plans for a design competition.

Rules announced early in the year called for entries modeled after the "celebrated bust" of Washington by noted French sculptor Jean Antoine Houdon. The bust, created from a life-mask taken at Mount Vernon in 1785, was uncannily accurate and nationally admired. Ninety-eight entrants fashioned some 100 designs: Most were amateurish, some were good, but one was exceptional, at least in the Commission's opinion. It was submitted by Laura Gardin Fraser, designer of the Oregon Trail commemorative and wife of James Earle Fraser, who created the Buffalo nickel. Mrs. Fraser's powerful, medallion design was far superior to the competition and reminiscent of the artistic works produced during the numismatically "golden years" inspired by Theodore Roosevelt. The Commission's decision was unanimous. Unfortunately, there were other people to please.

Initially, Congress got into the act. Since changing the design of the half dollar required their approval, once asked, they instead decided to change the quarter, thereby signaling an end to the acclaimed Standing Liberty design issued since 1916. No one argued with the denomination change, but a real problem was to arise with the man lawfully responsible for coinage designs, Treasury Secretary Andrew Mellon.

Mellon had his own views about art. Rich beyond imagination, he had amassed one of the world's foremost art collections, along with a reputation for stubbornness which was only exacerbated by his wealth and position. Some would later attribute it to Mellon's chauvinism, but he repeatedly refused to listen to the Commission's pleas for Fraser's design. Instead he chose one by John Flanagan, a medalist whose earlier works evoked his studies under Augustus Saint-Gaudens, but whose Washington design was an icon of the bland, conservative and frozen images that proliferated (especially in government sculpture) during the Depression. At first, Mellon placated the Commission, calling for a second contest. But ultimately, he chose the Flanagan design. While still fielding protests from the advisory panel, he left office to become Herbert Hoover's ambassador to Great Britain. His successor, Ogden Mills, would consider the matter no further. He brusquely reminded the Commissioners that they had a purely advisory role, and the final decision fell upon the Treasury Secretary, not the Commission. Flanagan's design was simple but more appropriate to a portrait than medallic art, with exceptionally low relief. Washington faces left and dominates the obverse, with the date below and LIBERTY above. The motto IN GOD WE TRUST is in the left field, with the designer's initials on the base of the neck. A spread-winged heraldic eagle adorns the reverse, encircled by UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and E PLURIBUS UNUM above, and QUARTER DOLLAR and a wreath below. Mintmarks are found below the wreath on coins dated 1964 and earlier, and just to the right of Washington's ribbon on issues beginning in 1968.

From a production viewpoint, Mint officials must have loved the design. With such low relief, coins could be rapidly struck with only one blow from the press. The drawback, however, was not only an artistic loss, but the weak design elements required periodic alterations to the master hub. The motto was so weakly defined in 1932 and on some issues of 1934 that it could barely be read, even on uncirculated coins.

There have only been two significant changes in the series since its inception in 1932. In 1965, the composition was changed from 90% silver to a clad or "sandwich metal" of 75% copper and 25% nickel, bonded to a pure copper core. The second modification came in 1975, when Jack Ahr's Bicentennial "Drummer Boy" design appeared on the reverse, with the dual-date 1776-1976 on the obverse. In 1977, the regular design returned.



Continually gaining in popularity with collectors, Washington quarters are usually assembled by date and mint. Coins were issued every year except 1933, and the only break in the series recognized by collectors is 1964, the final year of silver coin production. Although not rare, the low-mintage

1932-D and S quarters are considered scarce issues, along with mint-state 1936 Denver coins which, despite their large mintage, somehow escaped the hoarder's nets. Fortunately for today's collectors, the renowned dealer Wayte

Raymond and others were quite diligent in their accumulation of bank-wrapped rolls in the '30s, a time when most people couldn't even afford the \$10 cost of a single roll. Many Americans didn't have a job, & most who did, like the decimated ranks of Detroit auto-workers, only made about \$20/wk.

Since 1932, over 21 billion business strikes and 60 million proofs have been issued, an awesome quantity by any standards. Production took place in four mints: Philadelphia, Denver, San Francisco and West Point. In recent years, the numismatic community has learned of a unique oddity in the series, a 1970-S proof Washington struck over a 1900 Barber quarter. Apparently the concoction of a creative mint employee, the piece somehow escaped into a 1970-S proof set, no doubt initially baffling its discoverer.

Washington quarters are collected in all grade ranges and are especially popular in XF, AU and mint state. With so many coins struck from so many dies, die-varieties, over-mintmarks and hubbing errors abound, making the series a fertile field of study for those delving into the intricacies of modern coinage production. Wear on the design will first show on Washington's hair at the ear and on the center of the eagle's breast. Struck counterfeits exist, but collectors are more likely to encounter altered mintmarks, especially on 1932-D and 1932-S issues. Authentication of any questionable specimens is highly recommended.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Diameter: 24.3 millimeters

Edge: Reeded

Weight: 1932-1964: 6.25 gms

1965 to date: 5.67 grams

Composition: 1932-1964: .900 silver, .100 copper

1965 to date: .750 copper, .250 nickel bonded to a pure copper core

Net Weight: 1932-1964: .18084 ounce pure silver

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COMING NEXT EDITION: BUST HALF-DOLLARS



Michigan

Michigan's two bits will let the *"mitten speak for itself."*

Gov. Jennifer Granholm design choice for the state's commemorative quarter, highlights the state's distinctive shape -- the Lower and Upper Peninsulas, surrounded by lakes -- with the words, "Great Lakes State." The dates of statehood -- 1837-2004 -- will appear on the coin. And there are no cars on the state's proposed quarter. The 25-cent coin aims to show



off Michigan's most distinctive characteristic, its geographical contours, said Granholm spokeswoman Liz Boyd. "No other state makes its home in the heart of one of the largest freshwater reserves in the world," Boyd said. She said the governor was struck by the observation of former NASA astronaut and Michigan native Jerry Linenger, a member of the commission that helped design the quarter, who said that as seen from space, Michigan is the most recognizable region on earth. The 25-member quarter commission was appointed by former Gov. John Engler. Granholm chose the coin pattern from five finalist designs. It reportedly was the least cluttered of the entries -- some of which depicted automobiles in one fashion or another -- and lends itself best to the small dimensions of the 25-cent piece.

The state's quarter was to be issued by the U.S. Mint on January 26, which is Michigan Statehood Day, commemorating the day in 1837 that it became a state. Boyd said the design Granholm picked was the choice of only one of the two national commissions appointed to oversee the minting of state commemorative quarters, the Commission of Fine Arts.

COMING NEXT EDITION:

Florida

(then TEXAS!)

2004 TNA SHOW SET FOR FORT WORTH MAY 14, 15, 16, 2004

The 46th annual Texas State Coin Show will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 14, 15, and 16, 2004 in the Amon Carter Center, in the Will Rogers Complex in Fort Worth, Texas. This is the same location as the three previous years at 3401 West Lancaster, off I-30 and University Drive.

Dealer set up is Thursday afternoon, May 13, with the show being open to the public at 9:00AM on Friday, May 14. Tables are still available and can be obtained through the Bourse Chairman, Mike Grant, P.O. Box 171719, Arlington, Texas 76003-1719, phone – 817/274-5971 or 817/496-2388.

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Dear Members, We had a wonderful meeting in San Antonio during December. We discussed setting up an educational exhibit at the Alamo and reinstating our midwinter show with the El Paso Coin Club. Since our meeting, Pat Curran, Governor, delivered the message that El Paso Coin Club would love to co-sponsor a TNA Midwinter Show during 2005. This is a very educational and profitable enterprise which will give TNA excellent exposure from teaming up with a progressive club, the El Paso Coin Club.

We are presently in discussions with the Alamo officials to set up a TNA sponsored exhibition at the historical site thanks to our Past President Jerry Williams. We will keep you posted.

The Show seems to be getting a new twist. We will sponsor a raffle of a very historical piece at the Convention. We hope that this will interest everyone and will cause all to research heavily this wonderful prize.

With the new Texas state coin forthcoming, we are waiting with great expectation.

Look forward to seeing you in Ft. Worth at the Convention.

Best wishes, Joe Olson, TNA President

TNA BOOK AUCTION

Helen Snider

TNA Book Auction Chairman

It's that time of year again to look over the books in your numismatic library. Surely you have one or two books you can donate to this worthwhile cause. TNA holds this Book Auction as an annual event in connection with the State Convention. Through this auction we take in some extra funds for TNA and members old and new are benefited by being able to purchase some exceptional numismatic literature at very reasonable prices.

There have been several individuals who have promised some books for the auction. I hope this subject can be brought up at your local coin club meetings. Some of your members may have books that they would be willing to donate. Several books have already been donated to me by members of my own Hidalgo Coin Club.

For those of you who have never attended an annual TNA Show or viewed a previous book auction, the numismatic literature can be books, auction catalogs, ANA and other club journals, or just about any other numismatic related material that you would like to donate.

For several years I have given a challenge to each officer and governor of TNA---Don't leave your home for the Convention without at least ONE book or other piece of numismatic literature to be donated for the Book Auction. I am going to personally meet you there in Ft. Worth and ask for your donation.

Thanks to all of you who have donated during the past. Mike Greenspan gave some wonderful books to the auction last year. Also a big thank you to those of you who have helped set up the auction. You know who you are and I hope I can count on you to help again this year. John Wilson, the ANA President last year, and his wife Nancy, were on hand and they graciously helped with the auction.

If you have books (or an entire numismatic library) to donate you can contact me at telephone -- 956-607-6999 or email -- hj631tex@aol.com

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A T.N.A. Loss

The TNA recently lost one of its' very finest and long time members

D.O. (Jop) Joplin

Mr. Joplin died Sunday Nov, 9th 2003 at his home. He was 92 years old. Jop owned and operated Gulf Service stations for many years. He was TNA Life member # 100 and was TNA district governor of district 9 for many years. He was assistant medals officer for a number of years also. Jop was elected to TNA hall of fame, voted outstanding governor and also awarded the Lewis M. Reagan Memorial award. Jop loved to exhibit and won many 1st place awards at TNA conventions and at local coin shows. Jop was a life member of the South Plains Coin Club, and also a member of the Lamb County Coin Club and the Levelland Coin Club. He is survived by his wife, Lenis Joplin: A son, David O. Joplin Jr., A daughter, Cheryl Lea Sharp, Five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

All of us in TNA extend our condolences and prayers to his family.

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THE PAPER TRAIL

By Frank Clark

A One-Bit Scrip Note From Texas

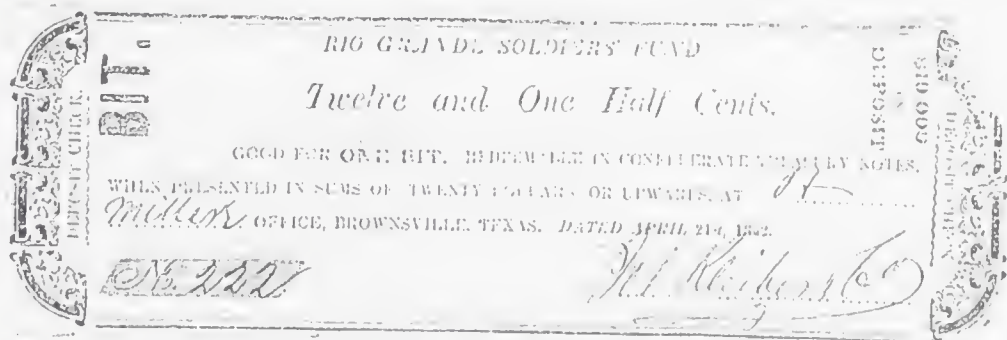
Nearly all of the scrip issued from Texas is from the Civil War Era. It is a class of currency where all but a handful of the notes can be classified as "very rare." Usually the issuing authority was a county or a merchant. The book that covers this areas of paper money is Texas Obsolete Notes and Scrip by Bob Medlar and was published by the SPMC in 1968.

This article deals with a note that is listed in Medlar, but has no description. It is a 12-1/2-cent note on the Rio Grande Soldiers' Fund of Brownsville. It also has the denomination expressed as "BIT" in two places. The note is uniface and is printed in blue ink. The obligation clause reads, "Good for one bit. Redeemable in Confederate Treasury Notes when presented in sums of Twenty Dollars or upwards at H. Millers office, Brownsville, Texas. Dated April 21st, 1862." Note—the place of redemption is handwritten. The note also states "\$10,000 on deposit" and has a handwritten serial number "222." It is hand signed on the lower right.

Besides the 12-1/2-cent, this scrip also exists in 25-cent, 50-cent, one-dollar and two-dollar forms. The 25 and 50-cent and one-dollar denominations exist in two types, with and without the \$10,000 deposited note.

The 12-1/2-cent denomination is a very rare denomination for Texas scrip. This denomination was also part of the issue for the Exchequer notes for the Republic of Texas, the city of Austin, the city of Houston, the city of San Felipe de Austin and the city of Washington.

I was unable to find any information on the Rio Grand Soldiers' Fund. By its' name, one could speculate it was a local fund to help pay Confederate soldiers in this remote part of the Confederacy where the last battle of the Civil War took place, at the Palmito Ranch near Brownsville on May 13, 1865—well after Lee's surrender at Appomattox. Colonel John Salmon Ford commanded the victorious Confederate forces. However, on June 2, 1865, General E. Kirby Smith, CSA, surrendered the Trans-Mississippi Department of the Confederacy to Union forces at Galveston.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

This association is a non-profit, educational and scientific organization founded in January 1960. It is purely a mutual association founded for the benefit of its members.

The TNA invites to membership all worthy persons who are at least nine years of age. Coin clubs, schools, libraries, museums and kindred organizations who have a sincere interest in the collecting and study of coins, paper money, tokens, medals and related items are welcome.

PURPOSES:

To promote and advance interest and comprehensive knowledge of numismatics; to cultivate friendly relations among fellow collectors; to hold periodic meetings and exhibits; to provide a place and time to buy, sell and trade numismatic items; to serve its members collectively, not individually.

ADVANTAGES:

To be a member is to have fraternal affiliation with numismatics of your state; to know their addresses and collecting interests; to have the honor of serving visitors with the names of collectors in their vicinity; to participate in the annual convention; to receive the official publication. TNA membership offers prestige on the state level just as ANA offers prestige on the national and international levels.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION:

Each Regular, Junior, Life and Chapter member receives the TNA News for no additional cost. Insofar as possible, this media will keep you informed about your association, and the individual and chapter members. It carries timely articles and features. Its pages are free to all members to express their views and to contribute articles for the advancement of numismatics. Those seeking information may ask for help through the pages of the TNA News. Those having items for sale or trade may advertise for a nominal sum. The TNA News is the voice of the TNA.

CONVENTIONS:

The TNA will meet in an annual convention. Members are entitled to a voice at the conventions. The business sessions are devoted to the procedures necessary to the operation of your state association. Entertainment and time for renewal of friendships is an important part of the conventions. Educational exhibits are a vital adjunct. The opportunity to buy, sell and trade is provided through bourse activity.

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- 4. Meeting date, time and place.

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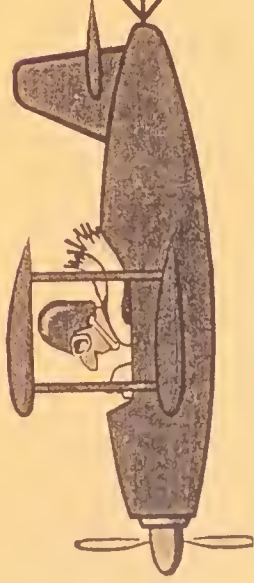
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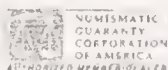


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CALENDAR of EVENTS--2004

February 7 **Pharr, TX** **50 Tables**
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February 7-8 **Ft. Worth, Texas**
 22nd Annual Winter Coin Show. Green Oaks Inn. 6901 West Freeway I-30. Free Admission. Sat. 9AM to 6PM. Sun. 9AM to 4PM. Tables \$200. Contact Joe and Linda Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch N, Ft. Worth, TX 76180. Phone (817) 485-1777.

February 20-22 **El Paso, Texas** **50 Tables**
 41st annual coin show held by the International Coin Club of El Paso. Vista Del Sol Conference Center, 11189 Rojas Dr. 50 tables. Free admission. Hours 20th—1p-6p; 21st—9a-6p; 22nd—9a-4p. Contact Don Tomko, Box 3535 El Paso, 79923. (915) 755-7063.

February 28 **San Antonio, Texas** **35 Tables**
 San Antonio Coin and Collectible Show. Saturday 9a-5p. Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. NE of San Antonio at IH35N and Loop 1604. Free Admission and door prizes. Sponsored by the Gateway Coin Club, Inc. Contact Raymond Tate, box 12964, San Antonio. email—retate@msn.com

February 29 **Waco, Texas** **25 Tables**
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 Hours: 10am-4pm Admission: \$2.00 (Note: TNA members get in free with proof of current membership). Tables \$50.00 For more info contact: JMV Entertainment, PO BOX 151, Temple, Tx 76503 (254)774-7185 or (254)760-8682. E-mail jmventertainment16@yahoo.com

March 13-14 **Beaumont, Texas**
 Southeast Texas Coin & Collectibles Spring Show sponsored by the Orange Coin Club. Beaumont Civic Center—corner of Main & Forsythe. For info contact Bourse Chairman, Box 1324, Orange, TX 77630. (409) 883-6388.

March 20-21 **Lubbock, Texas** **100 Tables**
 South Plains Coin Club, Ink's 44th Annual Coin and Sports Card Show. Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. 1501 6th St., Lubbock, TX. Hours: Sat-9A-6P; Sun 9A-4P. Free admission and parking. Contact South Plains Coin Club, Box 6326, Lubbock, TX 79493. Phone 9806)785-1030.

March 26-28

Ft. Worth , Texas

40 Tables

Fort Worth Coin Club Show. Lockheed Martin Recreation Assoc. Facility. Between I-20 & I-30 on Bryant Irvin Rd. Contact Jeff Cecil (817) 417-6182 or Ron Swinney (817) 244-9100.

March 27

Austin, TX

40 Tables

Central Texas Coin and Sports Collectable Show. Red Lion Hotel, 6121 North IH-35 at Highway 290, Austin, TX 78752.

Contact: Francis Smith (1-800-691-2851) fpsmith@sbcglobal.net

April 3

Kenedy, Texas

First Club show. Parks Hotel, Kenedy, Texas.

Contact: Bob Bills (830)780-3522.

April 3

McKinney , Texas

56 Tables

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April 3

Tuleta, Texas

Coin Show and Sale. Sponsored by the Kenedy Coin Club. Historic Park Hotel and Antiques, 8937 N. Hwy 181, Tuleta, TX 10a-5p. Free admission. Call (361) 375-2558 for information.

April 4

Killeen, TX

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April 9-10

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70 tables

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April 17-18 **Wichita Falls, Texas** **50+ tables**

38th Annual Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Club Show at the MPEC (Multi Purpose Event Center), 1000 5th Street, downtown Wichita Falls, Texas. Free admission, free parking, 24-hour security. Contact Gene Wheeler, P.O. Box 747, Seymour TX 76380, (940) 888-3832.

May 22 San Antonio, Texas 35 Tables

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June 11-13 **Grapevine, TX** **70 Tables**

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June 26 Austin, TX 40 Tables

Capital City Coin Club 32nd Annual Coin Show. Red Lion Hotel, 6121 North IH-35 at Highway 290, Austin, TX 78752.
Contact: Bryan Jones (1-512-339-2923)

June 27 **Waco, Texas** **25 Tables**

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August 7 **Sherman , Texas** **32 Tables**

Texoma Coin Show. Holiday Inn, 3605 Hwy 75 South. Exit 56 (FM 1417). Admission Free. Tables \$55 and \$65. Contact Gary Rollins, Box 744, McKinney, TX 75070. (972) 727-1566 or Tony Hales, Box 832032, Richardson, TX 75080. (972) 690-3430.

August 14-15**Amarillo, Texas**

The Golden Spread Coin Show will be held in Amarillo, Texas on August 14 & 15, 2004. For Table information please contact Bill Hughes at 806.655.3695. Show is Saturday 9 am- 6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

August 27-29**Richardson, Texas****85 Tables**

17th Annual Plano Coin Show. Richardson Civic Center, 411 West Arapaho Rd. (SW corner Central Expwy & Arapaho Rd). Free admission and parking. Tables \$175. contact Mark Schroeder, Lone Star Mint, 805 East 15th St., Plano, TX 75074-5805. (972) 424-1405. email—planoshow@lsmint.com.

August 28**San Antonio, TX****60 Tables**

Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. at Loop 1604, just off IH-35 N. Open 9:30 AM-5:30 PM. Children's Auction at 2:30 PM. Admission \$1.00. Free Parking, Hourly Door Prizes. Tables--\$95. Contact: Harold Eiserloh, Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201 E-mail: eiserlohsat@juno.com.

September 18-19**Beaumont, Texas**

Southeast Texas Coin & Collectibles Fall Show. Jointly sponsored by the Beaumont, Orange, Port Arthur and Silsbee Coin Clubs. Beaumont Civic Center—corner of Main & Forsythe. Drawing for gold coin. Youth Auction 2P Sat. Admission \$1. For info contact Dale Richey, Box 8258, Lumberton, TX 77657. (409) 246-2432.

October 2**McKinney, Texas****56 Tables**

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October 8-10**Grapevine, TX****70 Tables**

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CALENDAR of EVENTS--2005

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EDITOR'S NOTE—Send me your club reports, preferably by email and get your club's activities noticed and recognized!

DISTRICT II

Midland Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Midland Coin Club met Tuesday, Dec. 2nd at Midland College. Early discussion involved the ways that the club might get more interest in local coin collecting. We discussed having door prizes and other ideas to motivate others to attend the meetings. Eight members were in attendance. One member presented a program concerning the rise in value of modern coins with some excellent hand-outs. Much research went into the presentation with good feedback by the members. A small coin auction followed and a short time of fellowship afterward.

The Midland Coin Club met Tuesday, Jan. 6th at Midland College. There were nine members present. There was an interesting talk by a member concerning Webb dollar bills with excellent information. Afterward there was a coin auction with some good prices realized. The club is in need of more interested coin collectors to enhance our membership. We meet at Midland College in the Student Union Bldg. the first Tuesday of each month. Several members bring interesting finds and purchases to the meetings. Also the members travel to local shows and share the expenses. If interested please plan to attend the next meeting in February.

DISTRICT IV

Williamson County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The October 2 meeting of the Williamson County Coin Club had 8 people in attendance; the Secretary and the Treasurer were both absent.

The Short snorter was a Polish 500 Zlotych note dating from 1982. The security features included a Polish eagle watermark, and this prompted a discussion of the watermarking process. Commentary included tidbits from a recent Discovery channel show on how U.S. paper money is made.

President Gerry passed out information sheets and made a presentation on the new \$20 bill due to be released Oct. 9th.

For Show and Tell, the following were shown and discussed:

Gerry brought play money. Lane brought a fold-over Lincoln Cent error; a slabbed gaming token and a Greek Decadrachm copy.

Bruce brought a 1787 New Jersey Cent, Variety 43-y; and a book by Gardiakson in Dalmatia and Albania Coinage.

A collector brought an ancient Macedonian coin (Roman provincial) graced with the likeness of Nero.

Palmer brought a "Perot Buck", \$5, series 1993, issued from Austin, TX by Esther's Follies (what is it with the play money this time?); a Prutah of Porcius Festus 59-62 A.D.; and Thai "bullet money" from the reign of Rama III (1824-1851).

The meeting then ended in a cacophony of discussions.

The Nov. 6, 2003 meeting had 11 persons present. The Short snorter was a 10,000 peso note from Argentina (early 1980's?). Security features included: finely engraved intaglio printing with subtle color gradations separately printed serial number a watermark that varied within the sample of bills we had. One type had an Argentinean Sun symbol, and another had the Country's seal blue and red threads in the paper micro printing, and "holes in the micro printing comprising part of the design

The club Christmas Dinner at the Copeland Inn 7:00pm Thurs., Dec. 4th. Discussion of directions to the Copeland Inn.

Door prizes are needed for our Christmas Dinner. A motion for the use of \$30 of the club funds was put forward, seconded, and passed. Roger will also ask McBride's if they would be willing to donate an item.

Upcoming shows, news & other topics of interest were discussed including a scam running in the Austin area concerning the new \$20 bills. Someone will offer to exchange two of "the new \$10 bills" for one of the new \$20's. These \$10's are considered fantasy pieces, but that doesn't mean the feds won't look into this.

From Numismatic News: the first error on one of the new \$20's. The green seal is printed lower, almost off the edge of the bill. Watch out for counterfeit 2002 1/10 oz platinum rounds. They appear to be a copper core with a platinum coating.

Show & Tell: Our treasurer came this time, bringing with him a French 19th Century copper, an un decime over a 2 decime; a 1931 Cyrus McCormick Commemorative token; a Santa Claus token from Sanger's in Dallas; and a Lud. XV Rex Christianiss token.

A. Collector brought: a new \$20 and an old \$20 for comparison purposes; a silver Caracalla Denarius (Roman, 198-217 A.D.); a nickel received in change, 1961P sharp details, full steps, and square rim, probably a proof from someone's collection.

Ike brought: from his recent trip to Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar, circulating coin sets, and old counterfeit silver coins.

David brought: the latest US commemorative Dollar - First in Flight; and an Australian \$10 proof from the Provinces series (New South Wales)

Bruce brought: a book, Medals Relating to Medicine & Allied Sciences, 1964, by S. E. Freeman; and a pamphlet, The Ciba Symposium, Medals Related to Medicine

Steve brought the results of his experiment to see how easy it would be to start a State Quarter collection this late in the game. He bought 50 rolls of

Quarters and out of these, got a fairly complete set, though P mint Quarters were tough.

George brought: a \$5 bill collection (all pulled from circulation), including one from each Federal Reserve District and any Star Notes

Harlan related his experience looking for 2000 50-cent pieces. Going through rolls from the bank he found only 1999 as the most recent. (Apparently the 2002 half-dollars and dollars are only available in Mint Sets).

Palmer brought Owl coins, 3 different sizes and types: a tiny silver AR Hemiolbol from 449-423 B.C.; a silver AR Obol from 449-413 B.C.; and a Bronze 1/4 Obol from about 220-83 B.C.; a silver tetradrachim from 134-135 B.C. with Athena; and a AR Drachma from Taras, Calabria, Italy, 281-272 B.C. (another aside, in the ancient world, and even in the Third World of the early 20th Century, small gold and silver coins were carried in the mouth, probably to prevent loss or theft.)

Roger brought: a new book, Dollar Bill Origami; some wide margin specimen fractional notes, an 1863 5-cent and an 1862 50-cent; a dramatic \$10 error note with the front largely blank; and a \$1 error note with a 3rd print offset (on the front and reversed)

Cyn brought the 10th Edition of Krause's Collecting World Coins

Gerry brought: a German medal honoring a memorial to the soldiers of WWI; a medal of the US Frigate Constellation, the 1st ship of the US Navy, made with copper from the ship; a San Antonio 250th Anniversary Medal made for the Hemisfair 1968; and a Nixon and Lodge political medal, "win in Sixty".

DISTRICT V

Collin County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The last regular meeting of the Collin County Coin Club was held on November 20, 2003 with our President, Tony Hales, presiding. There were 23 members attending. The 32-lot auction was run by Randy Borland with Tony Hales assisting. We were pleased to welcome Kent and Carolyn Halland and Laurie Zakarian as our guests. Welcome to Danny Day, Michael Gray and Cathy Gray, Kent and Carolyn Halland and Richard Irwin as new members in October and November.

The Collin County Coin Club Christmas party was held on December 18, 2003 at the Steak Kountry Restaurant in McKinney. We had an excellent turnout and a great time. Sandy Smiley led us in a brief prayer before dinner. After dinner we had our gift drawing. Cynthia White was the recipient of the \$5 gold coin this year. Congratulations to Cynthia! Each attendee also received a gift from Alamo Coins. We welcomed Susan Hipps as our newest member at the Christmas party. Welcome Susan!

Dallas Coin Club (Internet Report)

The November meeting was called to order by President Larry Herrera with 15 members and no guests in attendance. Larry announced the final design for the Texas State Quarter had been adopted and passed around an article off the Internet. The Quarter is due to be released in May of next year.

Vice President Stewart Huckaby announced the scheduled speaker, Ben Friberg, was unavailable due to a business commitment and he would try to reschedule this program on Swedish Plate money for sometime next year. Stewart discussed the prizes for the upcoming Christmas party and said the top prize would be a ten dollar 1928 series small size United States gold certificate. 2004 programs are open and Stewart invited members to present a program.

Treasurer David Swann reported we still do not have the final figures from the 2003 Coin Show. He said it is still expected we will lose a small amount of money and that we recently had to refund a deposit to a dealer who cancelled several months before the show. David also mentioned it is time to start thinking about paying 2004 dues.

Secretary Hal Cherry reported that we have 45 members, down from 53 members at this time last year. Only two members have joined this calendar year. The ANA had sent the Club a letter soliciting a sponsor donation for the ANA National Money Show in Portland, Oregon in March, 2004. The Club declined to make a donation this year. Hal also passed around correspondence he had received from a dealer selling elongated cents and another dealer offering a coin auction service. In response to Larry's question concerning awards, Hal advised the educational awards would be presented at the January, 2004 meeting.

In an uncontested election, Officers elected for 2004 were Glenn Woods, President; Stewart Huckaby, Vice President; Hal Cherry, Secretary; and David Swann, Treasurer. Lawrence Herrera will serve on the Board as a Immediate Past President. The new Officers will be sworn in at the December meeting.

The winner of the educational for Program of the Year was Gordon Robinson for UNUSUAL AND UNIQUE MONIES OF THE WORLD. Gordon will receive a certificate. In the Club member portion of the election, there was a tie between David Swann for his program on Patriotic Civil War Tokens and Dr. Howard Ford for his program on British Coins from 1500 – 1800. David and Howard will each receive a certificate and a Numismatic prize.

In Show and Tell, Charlie Mead showed several items that had been either gold or silver plated to increase their value. One was a silver Mexican one ounce coin and another an Australian bullion piece. A one pound copper replica of the Kennedy half dollar had been silver plated. Glenn Woods showed a Greek silver coin, a tetradrachm from Messana, in Sicily which was coined about 300 B.C.

The program presented by Stewart Huckaby was on grading coins. Stewart passed around 10 different slab coins with the grade obscured for the

attendees to list their grade. The coin with the largest variance was a 1807 U.S. quarter with a slab grade of VF30. Other coins included a twenty dollar gold piece, Morgan dollars, a Mercury dime, a 1909 VDBS cent, and an Illinois commemorative half dollar.

Raffle winners included Charlie Mead, Ben Hong, Tim Moehlman, Stewart Huckaby and Frank Clark. Door prize winners were Glenn Woods, Gary Dobbins, Mike Cordell, and Charlie Mead.

Charlie Mead called the auction with 15 items being sold for \$148.50.

Thirty-four members and guests attended the Dallas Coin Club's annual Christmas Party. Glenn Woods, President, Stewart Huckaby, Vice President, Hal Cherry, Secretary and David Swann, Treasurer were sworn in as officers for 2004 by Larry Herrera. Larry will remain on the Board as Past President. There was no other business.

After a Mexican food dinner, there was a drawing for 22 door prizes and a white elephant auction which netted the club \$247.50. The evening concluded with 15 rounds of Bingo with the grand prizes being a gold coin and a U.S. gold certificate. A good time was had by all with the exception of a few grumpy Bingo losers (better luck next year).

Submitted by Hal Cherry, Secretary

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club, (Internet Report)

The October 6, 2003 meeting of the Bellaire Coin Club had 38 members and guests attending the meeting. Jim Bevill passed out information about Senate Bill 168. Regarding commemoratives struck to benefit restoration of the National Gold Rush Museum in San Francisco. Texas Coin Show in Grapevine is October 10-12. Pasadena Coin Show is November 21-23 Carl Schwenker discussed Greater Houston Coin Show and the scholarship they are providing for teachers. The show is January 23-25, 2004. Carl Schwenker also discussed the American Numismatic Association's seminars. Ron Miller brought some Missouri statehood quarters from the Philadelphia mint for members. Luke Richards, Vice President at the Federal Reserve Bank presented the program about Upcoming colorful changes to the U S Currency.

The October 20, 2003 meeting had 29 members and guests attending the meeting. Tim Conway read the mail from our mailbox. The following items were in the mailbox. A reminder for the Pasadena Coin Show, November 21-23. Information package for American Numismatic Association scholarship to teachers. A catalog for a German ancient coin auction. Bud Holton noted that the Pasadena Coin Show is one week before thanksgiving, not during Thanksgiving. Tim Conway provided flyers for a show in Killeen Coin Show. Killeen (West of Temple), December 14, 2003, Coin Currency and Stamp Show, Howard Johnson Inn-Killeen, 803 East Central Texas Expressway, (US 190 @ Timmer Road), Admission: \$2.00, (254) 771-4238. Tim Conway noted that Jim Bevill will be having the club's Christmas party

at his home, the Texas Numismatic Association District 6 governor's mansion. There were a choice of two dates, December 6, Saturday and December 15, regular meeting night. The attending members chose December 6 for the party. Brian Holland noted the earlier date provides less competition with other parties. Bud Holton asked for the information to include a map. John Evans asked for the address for the party. Tim Conway and club members discuss this year's donation to the Bellaire library. The option was how much cash should be donated. The club voted to donate \$1000 to the library. Jim Bevill suggested that a photograph of Tim Conway and Ed Stephens transferring a check to Mary Alford and the library staff. Tim Conway reminded that the Christmas party is December 6. Tim Conway distributed the rest of the club's mail. Ginger Bing presented the program about American Numismatic Association Summer Seminar and Internship at Heritage Numismatics.

The November 3, 2003 meeting had 33 members and guests attending the meeting. Tim Conway, Ron Miller, Ed Stephens and club members discussed the two dates for our coin shows. The National Coin Week show is the end of this special week, in April 2004. We may have two conflicts of the exact date for our August 2004 show. One conflict, Texas plans a special "No Sales Tax" weekend, for back to school. The other conflict, most of our dealers plan to go to other coin shows around the nation. Jim Bevill discussed the Christmas party. Jim noted that nobody is to arrive before a certain time, catering needs that time to set up. Jim stated that you do not need to bring anything to the party. Jim also confirmed that guest needed to pay \$18 and members are free. More details for the party is shown on the top of this page, (Page 3). Dennis Beasley discussed that hotel registration is soon to end, for the Florida United Numismatists show in Orlando, January 8-11, 2004. He also gave a report about a coin show in Lawton Oklahoma, near Oklahoma City. He also showed three of best deals that he purchased during this show. Brian Holland presented the first part of his program about Byzantine Coins.

The November 17, 2003 meeting was cancelled due to severe weather in the Houston area.

The December 1 meeting of the Bellaire Coin Club had 27 members and guests attending the meeting. Tim Conway noted that the last meeting, November 17. There were only five members that actually made it the Bellaire Library. The wet weather in the Houston area caused it to be hard to get around the city. Jim Bevill reminded everybody about the Christmas party at his house, on December 6. Carl Schwenker and other members discussed the Greater Houston Coin Club (GHCC)'s Money Show. The Money Show will have an exhibit from the Smithsonian, a professional auction from Scotsmen auctions. The Money Show will have an admission fee; to help send two teachers and two YN's to the ANA summer seminar. Brian Holland presented the program about Byzantine Coins, Part 2. The original program postponed by weather on November 17.

The December 6, 2003 Christmas party was enjoyed by everyone. Ninfa's Mexican restaurants catered the party. During an intermission before it got late, Tim Conway and Ed Stephens started the door prizes. This year, after a number was picked, Ed Stephens would ask a question about numismatics. The questions were always answered correctly, because they were easy questions. Even if you didn't know the answer, Tim and Ed give the prize to the winner. Everybody was educated with the correct answers.

The December 15, 2003 meeting had 25 members and guests attending the meeting. The business meeting went quickly. So we can have plenty of time for Brian Holland's program. Tom Bermel gave reports on the San Antonio and Killeen coin shows. Brian Holland presented the program about Byzantine Coins, Part 3.

Greater Houston Coin Club, (Double Shift—Club Newsletter)

The November 21 meeting of the Greater Houston Coin Club was called to order by President Francis Townsend. The minutes and treasurers report were both accepted as read. Extensive reports on and opportunities at the Money Show were given. A show and tell program was held before the meeting was adjourned.

DISTRICT VII

Alamo Coin Club, (Alamo Coin Clips—Club Newsletter)

The November 13th meeting of the Alamo Coin Club had 48 members including one guest present. The member roundtable had many interesting items shown, including 1909-S Indian cent, Lincoln cent varieties, a 1904-1980 Mexican type set, various medals and tokens and foreign coins. A report on the recent robbery of a collector at home was given, including that those responsible were caught! The program was given by Jim J. on Indian Cents. An auction ended the meeting.

The December 11th meeting was the club Christmas party and had 34 present. A raffle, dirty Santa gift exchange and numismatic trivia competition was held and enjoyed by all.

Gateway Coin Club, (The Gatepost—Club Newsletter)

The November 6th meeting of the Gateway Coin Club had 31 members and two guests present. After a discussion of the upcoming club Christmas party, a member roundtable began with six members participating. A variety of items were shown, including a 2003 Israeli calendar coin, magic tokens, Russian currency and some non-numismatic items. After the raffle, a short auction closed the meeting.

The November 20th meeting had 29 members and three guests. The member roundtable had many interesting items shown, including a 5-Lire crown from Sardina/Genoa, a medal honoring the Buffalo Soldiers, some Spanish medals, a Panamanian ½ Balboa with a die break and a gold guinea from Saudi Arabia. The educational program was given by Stan McManigal

on Panamanian Coins. The meeting ended with an auction.

The December 4th meeting had 31 members and one guest present, who subsequently joined the club. The member roundtable was most interesting as it showed a variety of different numismatic items. These included ancient coins from Caligula's rule, an 1856 flying eagle cent large fantasy piece and information on items in the *S.S. Republic* shipwreck. A raffle and an auction closed the meeting.

The December 18th meeting was the club Christmas party. There were 29 members and three guests present. Two members showed numismatic items at the roundtable before a raffle, door prizes and a gift exchange ended the party.

Kenedy Coin Club, (Mail Submission)

The December 4th meeting of the Kenedy Coin Club had 17 of the 20 club members in attendance. An educational program was given by John Wiatrek on *Symbolism on Coinage*. The club by-laws were approved and an auction ended the meeting.

Submitted by Bob Bills.

DISTRICT IX

South Plains Coin Club, (Internet Report)

There were 21 members and 1 guest present at the November meeting. There was a discussion about the upcoming Christmas dinner and auction. Lynn Parker announced that Bigums BBQ would cater the dinner and that the Dec meeting would be started at 6:00 so we would have time for the auction after. Herman Jacobs reported that he had received several donations for the auction. Marty Parker reported that he had picked up the new cart for the club and that it was stored with the rest of the clubs equipment. Marty Parker and Ben Cave conducted the auction to close the meeting. In December the South Plains Coin Club had its annual Christmas dinner and auction. There were 51 members and guest present. Everyone had plenty to eat with Bighams BBQ catering a turkey and dressing dinner! After the meal, Ed Chauncy, assisted by - Allyson Chauncy, Ben Cave and Marty Parker, conducted the auction. There were several tables of items to be auctioned off and many generous bidders. Everyone had a great time. The club raised approximately 2600 dollars to be given to hospice of Lubbock.

Submitted by: Gober Pitzer - TNA Governor # 9

Lamb County Coin Club (Internet Report)

There were 9 members present at the Lamb County Coin Club meeting in November. Ernest Mills called the meeting to order at 7:30 and there was a discussion about the local events and upcoming coin shows. David showed the members a publication about token and medals and discussed Token and medal collecting. Larry Sanderson won the door prize and the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00.

Because of the Christmas holidays there was no meeting for the Lamb County Coin Club in December.

Submitted by: Gober Pitzer - TNA Governor District 9

DISTRICT X NEWS

Submitted by Patrick J Curran Governor

At the recent meeting of the Board of the TNA, it was voted to attempt to establish a Fall TNA Show that would rotate locations across Texas. The International Coin Club of El Paso offered to host such a show in October of 2005. The TNA had held their annual show in El Paso in 1985 and again in 1989, both of which were very successful events.

As of this writing, the club has selected a site committee and we are selecting a weekend that will not conflict with any major show in the West. This ties in well with the club's annual show, held in February, which has outgrown its present location.

Club shows are three day affairs beginning at 2 PM Friday and ended at 3 PM Sunday. Sunday is one of the big days of the show as our Mexican neighbors have an opportunity to come across the river. Besides for Northern Mexico, this is the only coin show near western Texas and southern New Mexico. As plans progress, we will issue progress reports

DISTRICT XI

Golden Spread Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Golden Spread coin club held its' annual Christmas dinner in December. We had 28 in attendance. We had several door prizes. We played bingo to win the prizes. We all had a good time.

The regular meeting was held on January 5, 2004. We had 16 present with 1 jr. present. The minutes & treasures report were approved. The club approved to reimburse Doug Hershey \$252.00 for some of his expenses for his trip to the winter TNA meeting. Bill Hughes was approved as the bourse chairman for our Coin show to be held on August 14 & 15, 2004. His phone number for table information is 806.655.3595. We had some discussion about how to arrange the tables for the show. A committee was appointed to look into how to arrange them. There was some discussion about how much gold, silver, & platinum had gone up in the last 60 days. We received several thank you notes from various charities that we sent checks to in November. West Texas A & M. made us a dump cake. It was decided that we would eat the cake after the meeting. Doug Hershey gave a long report on the TNA winter meeting. Most enjoyed his commentary about the meeting. David decided he would order something from the TNA library for a program in the next few months. Several brought coins for show & tell. Tommy brought an unusual hard times token. It appeared to a copper coin that was brass plated

Submitted by: Doug Hershey

DISTRICT XV

Greater Port Arthur Coin Club (Internet Report)

The November 6th meeting of the Greater Port Arthur Coin Club was held at the County Clinic Building adjacent to the Southeast Texas Regional Airport. We had an excellent attendance with 4 visitors, R.A. and Christine Barber, John Fisher, and Larry Lackey. Welcome Visitors!

Jerry presented the Club with a check covering our share of the proceeds from the Southeast Texas Coin and Collectibles Fall Show. He again thanked everyone for their hard work and help with the show and advertisement. Carol reported that the Christmas Banquet is still on for our December meeting at the Schooner Restaurant. The group gave a show of hands for the members and guests that would be attending the banquet.

A motion by Tracie, a second by Barbara, that if a new member wishes to join the club in the last three months of a calendar year (Oct. 1 - Dec. 31), that their annual dues would cover them for the balance of the present year through the subsequent year. Motion Passed - Unanimous.

The Program of the Month was given by Barbara Norwood on "Mount Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial of South Dakota's Black Hills." Mount Rushmore is located just 23 miles southwest of Rapid City. The carving of the monument began August 10, 1927 by the sculptor, Gutzon Borglum and spanned a period of 14 years until his death in 1941. The monument is 5700 feet above sea level and includes 4 of our most well-know U.S. Presidents, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. For more information go to: mtrushmore.net The Crazy Horse Memorial was a conception of Lakota Chief Henry Standing Bear, who invited Korczak Ziolkowski, a Polish-born sculptor to begin the project in 1949, which is still a work in progress, thanks to the elaborate plans drawn up by the sculptor and his wife and the private funding by American Citizens. For more information go to: crazyhorse.org DOORPRIZES were awarded to: Silver Round - Lynn Broussard; 1982 Proof Set - Barbara Norwood; Washington Commem. Half-Dollar-Shirley Pearson; Washington Bicentennial Medal - John Fisher; Mt. Rushmore Coffee Cup - Christine Barber.

The December 4th meeting of the Greater Port Arthur Coin Club was held at the Schooner Restaurant on Hwy 69 in Nederland. We had a great turnout which included the "better halves" of some of our members. Our Guests included Flo Gannaway, Linda Lackey and Marla Cook. We extend a warm welcome to all of our guests.

As a special treat, the Club Secretary awarded a 1942 Walking Liberty Half Dollar to the first person that could guess the subtle change in the Newsletter. That lucky person was Carol Broussard, who guessed correctly that the symbols "\$&c" was discretely added.

The Club voted to extend our ANA membership for the next three years.

We also elected our officers for the 2004 calendar year. Our new officers are as follows: Carol Broussard – President; J. W. McManus – Vice President; Carlton Simmons – Secretary; Morgan Alleman – Treasurer.

Two 1-year membership prizes were given to Jerry Williams & Flo Gannaway

The **Past President's Medal** was awarded to **Pearl Pool** for her service as President of the Greater Port Arthur Coin Club over the past year.

The **T. G. Brown Award** was presented to **Carlton Simmons** for his contributions to the Club for the 2003 year.

The **Lloyd Buss Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award** was presented to **Barbara Williams** for her many years of dedicated service to the Greater Port Arthur Coin Club and to the hobby of Coin Collecting.

DOOR PRIZES were awarded; Silver Round – Betty Scott; 1969 Proof Set – Joseph Scott; 1987 Mint Set – Jerry Williams; 1973D Eisenhower Dollar – Flo Gannaway; 1980 Proof Half-Dollar – Larry Lackey.

We had a fantastic turnout at our January 5th meeting including 4 visitors. We had a second-time visitor, John Fisher, who joined our club. Welcome aboard John. Our first-time visitors included Daisy Dutton, Tina and George Wheatcroft. We extend a warm welcome to all of our guests, and hope you found your visit with us both informative and enjoyable

Ray Gannaway's wife, Flo, graciously declined her free 1-year membership that she was awarded at our December Banquet and donated it back to the Club. Thank you Flo for your generosity!

Committees were announced for the 2004-year.

Nominating Committee – Ray Gannaway, Joe Scott, Carol Broussard.

Awards Committee – Jerry Williams, Barbara Williams, Betty Scott.

ANA Representative – Barbara Williams.

TNA Representative – Carlton Simmons.

National Coin Week Committee – Shirley Pearson, Joe Scott.

Membership Committee – Tracie Updike.

Christmas Committee – Carol Broussard, Tracie Updike

Before the program, Carlton read a story about a Taco Bell employee who thought that a two-dollar bill was "funny money." During the story, Shirley Pearson passed around her stack of sequentially numbered \$2 bills. We were also entertained by Ray Gannaway and Lynn Broussard who played their harmonicas. The Program of the month was a video called "The Money Story". The video covered information on the United States Mint and The Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The first half of the video described the history of money and how it has changed from animal skins and stones to precision pieces of precious metals. Next month we will watch the second half of the video on the minting process

The Greater Port Arthur Coin Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Jefferson County Clinic Building, 7965 Viterbo Rd. adjacent to the Southeast Texas Regional Airport. ALL VISITORS ARE WELCOME!

Submitted by: Carlton Simmons - Secretary

Silsbee Coin Club (Internet Report)

President Paula Simmons called the November 24th meeting to order, followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Walt Lee. A good number of our members were in attendance, and we had two visitors: John Fisher and Michael Simmons.

Jerry and Barbara Williams gave a report on the Pasadena Coin Show.

Old Business:

- (1) Christmas Party will be the third Thursday of Dec at Red Lobster.
- (2) Awards for outstanding club members in 2003 will be presented at the Christmas party.
- (3) Election of officers for 2004 was held. Barbara Williams moved we reelect the current officers by acclamation. Second by Stan Dominick. Motion carried unanimously.
- (4) 46th Annual TNA coin Show May 14 – 16, 2004.
- (5) Orange Coin Show will be March 13 & 14, 2004.
- (6) Beaumont Coin Show scheduled for September 17 & 18, 2004.

New Business: Jerry Williams moved we increase the amount of money we spend on door prizes each month to a maximum of \$35.00. Barbara gave the second, and the motion carried unanimously.

Program: (1) Walt Lee gave an program about foreign coins.

- (2) Walt Lee, Program Chairman, circulated a list asking for volunteers to present programs during the year 2004.

Door Prizes: Linda Ledoux --2003 Silver Eagle; John Fisher--Australian 2002 Silver Dollar (Year of Horse); Carolyn Boyd--2002-D Sacagawea Dollar ANACS – MS-65; Walt Lee—10 X 50 Magnifying Glass; Betty Fowler--2003 P & D Kennedy Half – MS-64

Drawing was held for two free Club memberships, as was voted on in the October meeting. Winners were: Betty Fowler and Dr. Dale Cummings.

An Auction was conducted by Jerry Williams, after which, the meeting was adjourned. **Respectfully submitted by Betty Fowler.**

DISTRICT XVII

Waco Coin Club (Club Newsletter)

The November meeting of the Waco Coin Club had 27 members and one guest present. Minutes from the October meeting and the treasurer's report were read and accepted. Approval was given for TNA governor Garner to pursue the cost and do a needs assessment of having future TNA state shows in Waco. New officers were re-elected (actually the old slate of officers was re-elected). Raffle prizes and door prizes ended the meeting.

The December meeting was a dinner meeting and had 17 members and guests present. Dates to remember were given and an announcement that the March show had been postponed due to a conflict with a show in Ft. Worth. The members were reminded of a new location for future meetings and that yearly membership dues are due.

Submitted by Greg Hofen, club secretary.

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